

JOHN CARY CHAIR FUND COMPLETED

Further Gifts Assure Permanency of This Department at University.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., December 22.—President Alderman was able to announce to the university Saturday, December 19th, the successful completion of an effort to secure \$50,000 for the John B. Cary Memorial Chair of Biblical History and Literature, which has been a part of the University for the past three months.

This chair is an outgrowth of a Bible lectureship inaugurated more than a decade ago by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, an organization doing a wide variety of missionary, philanthropic and educational work at home and abroad. It is greatly interested in Bible teaching at State universities, and from its headquarters at Indianapolis has sent out the men and the money that have established Bible lectureships or Bible chairs at the Universities of Michigan, Kansas, Texas and Virginia.

After the lectureship was begun here gifts for its support were made by many friends. When the estate of Colonel John B. Cary, of Richmond, gave \$10,000 it was named for that noble Christian soldier and scholarly schoolmaster of the old regime. Three years ago the board of visitors made possible the change from a lectureship to a chair by appointing the lecturer to a place on the faculty, and allowing work in Biblical history and literature to count towards the B. A. degree.

The permanent and proper support of the chair is now assured by the generosity of the children of Colonel Cary, and the unselfish liberality of the C. W. B. M. The former have added \$20,000 to the \$10,000 given some years ago. The latter has set aside as the permanent endowment of their chair in the university the fund of something over \$28,000, which is raised for the Bible lectureship.

In making his announcement, President Alderman expressed his high appreciation of the liberality of the donors in thus adding to the endowment fund of the university, and making possible the continued teaching of a most important branch of history and literature in the institution.

Following closely upon the gift of \$50,000 by Colonel Oliver H. Payne, announced some weeks ago, the enduring establishment of the John B. Cary chair for the university.

EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS.

Channel of Rappahannock Being Widened and Deepened.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 22.—Extensive improvements are being made to the Rappahannock River here by the Bowers Hydraulic Company, of Newark, N. J., under a government contract. A turning basin has been dredged off the wharf here to admit of the large steamers turning around. This basin is 400 feet long and 250 feet wide, and is very deep. The contract, which will probably require a year and a half to complete, includes the dredging of the harbor here and at points between here and Port Tobacco Bay, just below Port Royal. The channel will be deepened to a depth of twelve feet, the former depth being about ten feet, and the channel will be widened in places where necessary. The depth of the harbor here will be made greater than twelve feet. The Rappahannock River, owing to its formation, fills up rapidly from freshets, and some dredging is necessary every year. Congressman W. A. Jones two years ago had the river placed under the continuing contract system, which will insure proper attention as long as the plan is adhered to.

PROFESSOR BOWLES FALLS.

He Slips on Plank and is Badly Injured.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
STANTON, VA., December 22.—Professor William A. Bowles, superintendent of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind, fell a few feet from a plank this morning as he was entering the new Swanston building, in course of construction, and fractured a hip bone and suffered a scalp wound. The plank was made slippery by snow. Physicians have not yet definitely decided how seriously he is hurt.

Thief Has Busy Night.

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SUFFOLK, VA., December 22.—A thief last night, or early this morning, stole a mule from the farm of Rufus E. Potter, a railway mail clerk, in Nansemond county, a buggy from J. G. Garrauth, on another farm, and a set of harness from a negro. He escaped with the outfit, and the police have not yet found a clue.

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News of Petersburg

Times-Dispatch Bureau,
109 North Sycamore Street,
Petersburg, Va., December 22.

Mrs. Fannie Myers, a resident of Prince George county, seven miles from this city, was painfully injured yesterday by a fall in her yard. Accidentally stumbling, she was thrown, and her right leg was broken between the knee and hip. Mrs. Myers is about sixty years old, and the shock of the fall and the injury was great. Drs. Rennie and Smith, of this city, attended her.

The Christmas shipments by express have been very heavy during the past few days, and the post-office department has been sorely pressed to meet the demands for prompt handling of the great mass of matter sent through the mails. Extra force has been required.

Arrest of Would-Be Murderer.

Chief of Police Ragland was notified this afternoon of the arrest in Warrenton, N. C., of Grant Watkins, the negro who a few days ago murderously assaulted William Gholson, another negro, on Sycamore Street. One of Gholson's ears was cut off, his throat was cut from ear to chin and an ugly gash was made across his cheek. The two men were working together, handling peanuts, when Watkins became displeased at something Gholson did, and attacked him. Gentlemen near by interfered in the struggle, but before they could stop it Watkins had done his work. Gholson narrowly escaped death, the knife blade missing the big blood vessels of the neck. He was hurried to the hospital and will recover. Watkins fled after the cutting, and though pursued, escaped. Chief Ragland learned that his home was in Warrenton, and suspecting that he would return there, notified the town sergeant to watch for and arrest him. The arrest was made today, and an officer will be sent for him.

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Special Election in Dinwiddie.

At the session of the Circuit Court of Dinwiddie yesterday Judge Watson entered an order for a special election to be held in the county on the 3d day of February, to take the sense of the people on the question of the proposed issue of bonds for the improvement of the public roads. The people of the county are very much interested in good roads, and it is believed, favor a bond issue. There is now a large con-

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vinet force at work on the road from this city to Dinwiddie county.

A telegram received here today announced the death at Waverly of Mr. Ernest Gill, a well-known young man of that place, and a former resident of Petersburg. He had been married only one year.

Petersburg Lodge of Elks will entertain the orphan children of the Female Orphanage in this city, at the home, on Tabb Street, on Thursday, and each little girl will receive a present.

Messrs. Robert Francis, Walter Dalton, Edwin Clements and Thomas Hanahan, students at the Rock Hill College, Ellicott City, Md., have come home for the holidays.

The boards of directors of the Virginia National Bank and of the Petersburg Banking and Trust Company have each declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent. out of the earnings of these banks.

SAMUELS'S FATE IS IN HANDS OF JURY

Failure to Agree After Hour and Half—Will Resume Consider To-Day.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
DANVILLE, VA., December 22.—The case of W. B. Samuels, charged with the murder of Sheriff W. V. Flannagan, was given to the jury at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The jury, after remaining out an hour and a half, reported that they had failed to agree, and were discharged until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. The jury, under the charge of a deputy sergeant, is being quartered at a local hotel. Attorneys B. H. Custer and R. W. Peatross spoke to-day for the defense, and Commonwealth's Attorney Thomas Hamlin closed for the prosecution.

CHRISTMAS FOR NEEDY.

Norfolk Preparing to Give to Poor on Elaborate Scale.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, VA., December 22.—Norfolk's charitable institutions are preparing in a big way for making the poor men, women and children of the city happy during the Yuletide season, and those who go in want, or the little folks who fall to have something with which to make merry, can blame it to their own reticence in not making their condition known.

Perhaps the biggest single charity, and one that is especially aimed to be interdenominational in character, and will have to do with making the children happy by the visitation of Santa Claus as well as furnishing garments to the larger people, is led by Dr. C. S. Blackwell. Headquarters have been opened in the business section of the city, and wagons are gathering thousands of toys, clothing and other useful articles to distribute to the poor of the city. Committees of ladies from the various churches are securing lists of known needed families to be visited. The work will be done Christmas Eve and morning.

There will be a number of fine midday spreads Christmas Day by charitable institutions and others, to which the poor will be invited, even car tickets being furnished for the children.

Among the dinners publicly announced are the Hub Store, the Salvation Army, City Mission and Union Mission. A number of others on a smaller scale are also being arranged. The four larger affairs are preparing to feed thousands.

HUSBAND IS SURE WIFE LOVES HIM

Papers Filed at Norfolk in Suit of Mrs. Grace Ray for Divorce.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, VA., December 22.—Depositions filed yesterday in the Circuit Court in the divorce suit of Mrs. Grace Ray against her husband, O. William Ray, are to the effect that she was not sixteen years of age, that the marriage was without parental consent and against the girl's will.

The husband, in his answer, denies all of the allegations, declaring that his wife loves him, wants to live with him, and is only prevented by her father, Thomas Ray, from doing so.

The couple eloped to Greenville, S. C., several months ago and were married. The father followed, separated the couple and brought the girl home. The suit for divorce followed.

GETS CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Site Valued at \$5,000 Given to Hospital Association.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BRISTOL, VA., December 22.—The King's Mountain Memorial Hospital Association, which proposes the erection of a hospital here at a cost of \$50,000, has received as a Christmas gift from the Bristol Home Company a site valued at \$5,000.

Dividend Declared.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, VA., December 22.—At the fourteenth annual meeting to-day of the Atlantic Permanent Building and Loan Association an annual dividend of 81.2 cents was declared, and the following board of directors elected: Messrs. George W. Jones, J. A. Norfleet, E. F. Trull, F. M. Smith, L. Berkley, C. B. Gibbs, W. B. Shafer, J. R. Williams, L. C. Ives, C. B. White, J. H. Costenader, W. B. Dougherty.

It is expected that the old officers, Dr. J. A. Norfleet, as president, and W. B. Dougherty, secretary, will be re-elected.

Injuries Prove Fatal.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 22.—Captain William Goldsmith died this evening at Mary Washington Hospital from the effects of injuries received in an accident yesterday when he fell in attempting to board a moving car and the wheels crushed his arm.

He has been connected with the Potomac, Fredericksburg and Piedmont Railroad for thirty-two years. He was seventy years old. He is survived by one son and two daughters.

Unconscious 100 Hours.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SUFFOLK, VA., December 22.—The condition of Dr. E. J. Wilson, unconscious more than 100 hours, as the result of a skull fracture inflicted last Friday by Fairfax E. Brinkley, his former rival in the race for the office of clerk of Front Royal, Va., shows little change. Wilson this evening had the nearest approach to consciousness he has reached. The only unfavorable symptoms of the day were two convulsions.

High School Entertains.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
APPLE GROVE, VA., December 22.—People of Apple Grove were very enjoyably entertained Friday evening when the Apple Grove High School held its first public session. Quite a creditable entertainment was arranged by the Literary Society of the school, consisting of well written orations, essays, declamations and a debate.

IDENTITIES ASSAILANT.

Commonwealth's Attorney Highly Incensed

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., December 22.—H. N. Bateman, arraigned in the Police Court this morning on a charge of being the assailant in a fourteen-year-old girl, Blanche York, was sent on to the Corporation Court. Mrs. York was attacked on the street several nights ago, and only to-day

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was she able to appear before court to prosecute the man. The girl identified Bateman as her assailant, and told a story on the stand that left no doubt as to the intention of the defendant. She was attacked when passing a dark alleyway, but fought off her assailant, who ran when she gave the alarm, despite his efforts to choke her into silence.

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